

Dear Mr. Kennedy,

Your letter of the 6th and the many other like it that I get trouble me for a number of reason, one of which is that the truth is not acceptable. Of course, in another sense, it should not be. What our government did and continues to do is terrible. That it is not alone, witness the Plame case in Sewed, makes it no easier and nothing can make it acceptable. And it does frustrate all the multitude of people who do yearn to know what actually happened with President Kennedy was assassinated. But the plain and simple problem is that we do not know and I am confident that we will not know. I am not almost 78 years old, my health is seriously impaired, I've done much more work than you are in a position to know, and for my own reasons I am not frustrated. One of these reasons is that because I have taken a different approach, not the one I prefer but the one to which I saw no alternative, I was able to do what I think does serve to have some value. I have forgotten our correspondence so I may be repeating myself, but as distinguished from the authors of books that have gotten and now are getting much attention, I've made a rather large study of how the basic institutions of our society worked in that time of great stress and since then. In the course of this I have brought to light most of what is known than is factual, first in my seven books, six on the JFK assassination, one on that of Dr. King, and in a number of Freedom of Information lawsuits by means of which I got about a third of a million pages of once-withheld records. These do, I believe, leave it without question that the crimes were never really investigated officially and thus there are no real leads for private persons to follow up.

At the time of these crimes the major media failed in its responsibility in a society like ours, refusing to press for a real investigation, failing to even try to make their own, and then in its refusal to regard seriously the works that did leave it without question that the so-called investigation was no investigation at all and that officialdom lied to the people, to the entire world. No political figures with any influence refused to accept the official solutions until the House committee was established, and it was misdirected on the one hand by the authors of the many conspiracy theories not one of which has a factual basis and on the other hand by the personal ambitions of the staff and some of the Members.

Unwelcome as they are, these are the facts, nothing can change them and we are none of us Merlins, who can remember the future. Perhaps in the future the truth about the assassinations will be known, meaning who or what forces were responsible. But if it does come out, it will not be from the results of the official investigations.

I can understand that you and millions of others find this frustrating. Perhaps I also would have been if I had not been so very busy with my work. The fact that I have been able to do what I have done, which is to make a dependable, at truthful and accurate record for the future, is why I am not frustrated today although I have faced more of what can be regarded as frustrating situations beginning with my first book, which was the first book on the JFK assassination in terms of the official solution, with the refusals of publishers internationally to publish it, with the many problems of publishing myself, with the subsequent books and their similar problems, and with the lawsuits that the government opposed so vigorously. Perhaps I should feel frustrated because so many of the now popular books serve only two purposes other than those personal to their authors. One is to deceive and mislead the grieving and trusting people, the other to obfuscate more and thus help perpetuate official failures and dishonesties. The sincerity of some but not all of these authors is not a question. What they have published, however, simply is not factual and in many instances is not. The tragedy is that their readers have no way of knowing this unless they are quite perceptive and make their own analyses, as almost none do or even think of. What you feel, what troubles you, is what the many others who write me feel and are troubled by. But I cannot tell you other than the truth and this is what I have done in my seven books, six of which, with some difficulty, I have kept available. The world in which we live is the world that made Hitler possible. Unfortunately, governments do fail and as a result innocent people do suffer. I am sorry that the truth is so unpleasant, so unacceptable. But I do hope the refusal to accept the terrible fraud perpetrated by our government may in time change this situation. Sincerely,

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